Promotion of pre-primary children in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†39. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision that children enrolled in Kendriya Vidyalayas at pre-primary level will not be promoted to class I automatically;

(b) if so, the justification for such a decision; and

(c) whether such a decision will adversely affect the education of children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has taken a decision that automatic admission to class I with effect from academic session 2007-08, is to be discontinued, as pre-primary classes are self-financed and are not part of the original KVS scheme, and since admission to class I are needed to be made based on the priority specified in the admission guidelines. Preference is, however, given within the same category to those who have studied in the pre-primary class of the same school.

(c) No, Sir.

Guidelines for foreign educational institutions

†40. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines regarding operation of foreign educational institutions in the country and fixation of norms and fee for admission in such institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such foreign educational institutions which have been permitted to operate in the country?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has issued "Regulations for Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions imparting Technical Education in India". The norms and fees for admissions in such institutes are prescribed by the AICTE. At present, according to the AICTE, two institutes, namely, the Institution of Hotel Management, Maulana Azad Educational Campus, Aurangabad and Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Panipat, Haryana have been operating in collaboration with University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom and Staffordshire University, United Kingdom, respectively.

The Government intends to introduce legislation for regulation of the entry and operations, maintenance of quality and prevention of commercialization by foreign education providers in the country.

Free education to economically weaker sections

†41. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has issued orders to all the private schools in Delhi to provide free education to 20 per cent students belonging to economically weaker section in each class from Nursery to XII standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to provide free education to 20 per cent students belonging to economically weaker sections in private schools throughout the country on the lines of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. AL RAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, orders have been issued in this regard by Education Department of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to unaided recognized private schools imparting education in Delhi, which have been

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